REMARKS AND ELECTION OF SPECIES

The Office Action of May 8, 2006, has been carefully reviewed, and in view of the above amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested.

In the above Office Action, the Examiner noted an informality on page 23 of the specification. The specification has been appropriately amended to correct the typographical error.

The Examiner identified twenty species, from which election of a single species was required. In response thereto, Applicant elects Species 1 as illustrated in Figure 1. Applicants respectfully contend that claims 21, 37, 51, 53, 55 and 57 are readable on the elected species.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims of the present application are now in condition for allowance, and an early indication of the same is earnestly solicited.

Should any questions arise in connection with this application or should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any remaining issues pertaining to this application; the Examiner is kindly invited to call the undersigned counsel for Applicant regarding the same.

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Respectfully submitted,

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